

REMARKS

Claim 24 has been amended in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter to which the applicants regard as their invention.

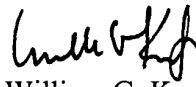
The above amendments are believed to place the claims in proper condition for examination.

Early and favorable action is awaited.

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